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Metro WKND is here with the scoop on anything and everything going on in Philly this weekend. The Philadelphia Marathon is a staple in the City of Brotherly Love, with over 30,000 runners, 60,000 spectators and 3,000 volunteers coming together to make this monumental race happen. As a runner, I understand the pressure, grit and exhilaration that goes into running a marathon — all of it is worth it. Philly spots understand, too, as they are offering specials and victory treats for all marathon runners after the long race.

FEEL THE MAGIC



I Get ready, Harry Potter fans, because "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" finally hits theaters this week-

end. We spoke with star Ezra Miller about returning for the highly-anticipated sequel. **For more, see page 6.**

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2 The Philadelphia Dance Company's new show from choreographers Christopher Huggins and Milton Myers is here

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3 The 25th anniversary of the Philadelphia Marathon is this weekend. Athletes from all over the nation will convene in the City of Brotherly Love to run the 26.2-mile race. **For more, see pages 4-5.**

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The race goes through the entire city. PHILADELPHIA MARATHON

The Philadelphia Marathon takes place this Sunday, Nov. 18.



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This year marks a special one for the Philadelphia Marathon as the athletic event is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Every year, top athletes, avid runners and determined individuals take on the 26.2-mile challenge. The course runs through the vast majority of the City of Brotherly Love.

The race takes place on Nov 18. Start times are 6:55 a.m. for wheelchairs and handcycles and 7 a.m. for runners and walkers. Listed as one of the top 10 courses in the country, the Philadelphia Marathon route is scenic, exhilarating and brings crowds right into the action with the runners.

The start and finish of the Philadelphia Marathon are between 21st and 25th streets on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, near the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The runners' route starts on the Ben Franklin Parkway passing Logan Circle until Arch Street, then running all the way down to

Old City. The race then turns down Race Street and continues through Columbus Boulevard to Penn's Landing, South Street, then back toward Old City and turns on Chestnut Street into the heart of Center City. The runners will proceed over the Schuylkill River via the Chestnut Street Bridge and run through University City and up 34th Street, continuing on to Martin Luther King Drive, then head back to the 14-mile mark, passing the Rocky Steps. The runners will then move on to Manayunk up Main Street until they hit a turnaround, run back down Main Street and continue along Kelly Drive before finishing on the North Side of Eakins Oval at the Art Museum.

The best vantage points for spectators are in the designated cheer zones, sponsored this year by Dietz & Watson. Some cheer zones include Columbus Boulevard and Race Street near Fringe Arts, 2nd and South streets, 10th and Arch streets at the Friendship Gate in Chinatown, Kelly and Fountain Green drives, Main and Carson streets and plenty others. For the full list of cheer zones and which mile they are located at, visit

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If you are following a specific runner, you can track them on the RaceJoy app, where spectators can view a runner's actual position on a map as they complete the course. Progress updates are sent every mile, and you can send supportive cheers throughout the day, as long as they are carrying their phone. There is also bib tracking if an athlete does not have their phone with them; you can set it up by visiting the official website.

To celebrate the Philadelphia Marathon, local restaurants and bars are offering specials all weekend long. From an electrolyte brew perfect for post-race sipping to marathon-themed wine flights, there are a lot of victory treats being offered to the deserving athletes.

Philadelphia Brewing Co.

The Brewing Co. is offering Marathon runners a special refreshment after they tackle the 26.2-mile course. On Nov. 18, at the Peacock Room, Electrolyte pints (made with Himalayan salt and apricots) will be offered for just \$4 all day long for runners who present their bibs. This



The Electrolyte beer from the Philadelphia Brewing Co. PUNCH MEDIA

pale ale contains more electrolytes than your average beer, making it the perfect post-race beverage. 2440 Frankford Ave., philadelphiabrewing.com

Jet Wine Bar

The popular chic wine watering hole is offering marathon-themed wine flights along with trivia on the historic race. The flight will feature refreshing wines such as a German Riesling and a New Zealand Gamay Noir for \$14 (\$12 for runners). 1525 South St., jetwine-bar.com

Urban Farmer

The popular eatery, located in the Logan Hotel, is offering all marathon

runners who present their bib a complimentary Victory beer. Pair the beer with one of Urban Farmer's savory dishes for the perfect post-race meal.

1850 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy., urbanfarmerphiladelphia.com

Ocean Prime

The luxury steakhouse is offering a savory deluxe burger and Manhattan combo. Runners who present their bib can indulge in a cheeseburger and OP Manhattan, boasting Woodford Reserve, Carpano Antica Vermouth, Nonino Amaro, Rosemary Grapefruit and Peppercorn Bitters for only \$20. Ocean Prime will open at 4 p.m. on Sunday; 124 S 15th St.,

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CO-OP, located in the Study Hotel, is congratulating half-marathon and full marathon runners with specials all weekend long. Half-marathon runners who present their bib on Nov. 17 will receive 13.1 percent off their bill, while marathon runners who present their bib on Nov. 18 will receive 26.2 percent off their bill. 20 S. 33rd St., coopphilly.com

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Ezra Miller talks *'Fantastic Beasts'* and the magic of J.K. Rowling

The actor returns as Credence Barebone
in "The Crimes of Grindelwald." GREGORY WAKEMAN



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Those in charge at Warner Brothers are clearly quite fond of Ezra Miller.

Not only does he have a prominent role in the "Fantastic Beasts" franchise as Credence Barebone, which he reprises in "The Crimes of Grindelwald," but as Barry Allen, a.k.a. The Flash, he is regarded by many as the best thing about the studio's struggling DC Extended Universe.

Miller clearly feels the same way about the studio. He made that perfectly clear to Metro during a recent discussion regarding "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald," poetically insisting, "I ride or die with the Bros."

After we pointed out that Warner Bros. feels like the perfect home for Miller to populate mainstream films with his unique take on characters, he continued, "I really identify with what you're observing."

"At this point in studio history, they are holding a very certain torch and raising a new one in addition to it," says Miller. "Which has to do with a real care for artistry in the midst of being a behemoth of a studio."

"What I have found there is a family of incredibly sweet people and not just a faceless machine that doesn't care," he adds. "That surprised me in pleasant and amazing ways. It continues to do so."

Miller only sees his relationship with Warner Brothers growing stronger in the future, too, as he believes the studio will be at the forefront of what he is calling "the first actual golden age of cinema."

"A time when all of the resources of the mainstream are put into artistic work that is as

beautiful as the work of the original golden age," Miller explains. "But isn't bigoted, racist, sexist, horrific works of propaganda against other cultures."

For the time being, though, Miller's thoughts are on "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald." Set in Paris in the 1930s, the second installment to the "Harry Potter" prequel series expands the ensemble with a whole host of characters.

"If you're a Harry Potter fan, you'll bug out when you see this movie, essentially," says Miller. "I think it is as heavy a hit that brings together the



Ezra Miller is living out a childhood dream by working with J.K. Rowling.

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Miller is clearly living his best life, which becomes even more obvious with the mere mention of J.K. Rowling, a childhood idol that he can't believe is now a colleague.

"I trust her so completely because she is my favorite of all time," says Miller. "She's meticulous with the script."

"She comes by and just makes us feel so fucking good," he adds. "She blesses the room. She is perfect. All we want is to do exactly what she wants. And we want her to continue to be a prolific monster of fascinating, subversive, thoughtful fiction."



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"Narcos" heads to Mexico for its new season. CARLOS SOMONTE/NETFLIX

Michael Peña says 'Narcos: Mexico' is 'more ambitious' than 'The Wire'

The actor also opens up about doing right by his character, who is based on a real DEA agent.



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Whether made by esteemed television critics or cultural historians digging into the parallels between storytelling mediums, David Simon's breathtaking HBO series "The Wire" is often described as a novel in television form. That is to say, its seasons may consist of 20 or more individual episodes, but the story they tell is far more serialized than it is episodic.

Another crime series, Netflix's "Narcos," has operated in a similar fashion for three seasons and, with "Narcos: Mexico," is sticking to the formula. But according to actor Michael Peña, who plays DEA Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in the show's Mexico-centric "reboot" of sorts, what they're doing is "more ambitious" than what came before it.

"For my money, the first three seasons of 'Narcos' were crazier," he tells Metro. "It's based on true stories, so that added a whole other element to this. I like

'The Wire,' for sure, but this is a more ambitious take on television."

Before diehard Simon devotees get up in arms about Peña's comments, however, consider the fact that serialized television since "The Wire" has progressed and regressed in waves. What's more, with the benefit of streaming's ability to cater to binge-watchers, this means that shows like "Narcos: Mexico" can, in fact, do things that broadcast or cable programs before it were never able to accomplish.

There are several recent book series, like Suzanne Collins's "The Hunger Games" and Stieg Larsson's "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo," that serve as great models for what "Narcos" and "Narcos: Mexico" are trying to do. Of course, Peña acknowledges that those two examples were turned into movies instead of television, but that doesn't mean it can't work here.

"It's like one story and they're really writing more like a novel than your standard procedural," he explains. "And I think they're so binge-watchable because of this, because they're so in-depth with the characters and certain parts of the story. I think it would be a good movie, but now with the way television is going, they can really dive in

with it. They got their finger on the pulse of the viewers."

In particular, Peña says he was drawn to "Narcos: Mexico" because of what this storytelling approach did for his character, Camarena, and his adversary Miguel Ángel Félix Gallardo, the real-life corrupt cop turned drug kingpin played by Diego Luna.

"He was a guy who didn't appreciate crime. Crime was basically stealing from, or taking advantage of, good people, so he had a resentment about that that made him more driven," he says of his character, whom he spent a great deal of time researching before filming. "If you read that part, you can play him a very saintly or righteous kind of way, but I always think you should be more specific with it."

"You're not exactly worried about being like with a character like this, or a story like this," Peña adds. "It's the exact opposite of Luis in 'Ant-Man and the Wasp,' who wants to be liked and is always trying to fit in. With this guy, his mantra was, 'I don't care if you like me or not, but eventually you're going to respect me.' And I think that's how he lived his life."

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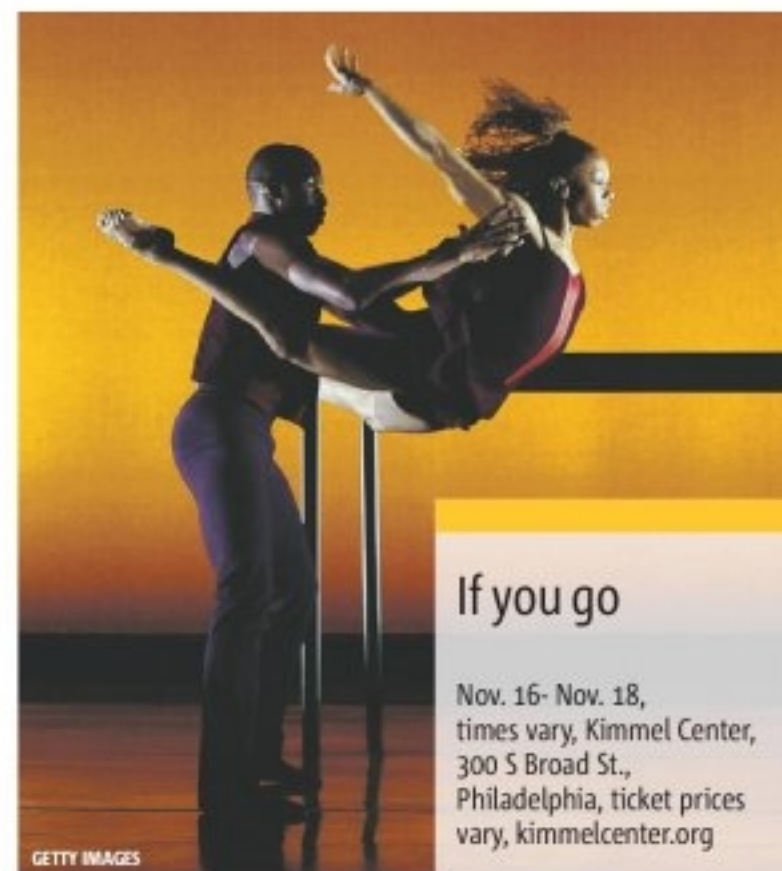
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The show is a look at how live-action dance has been affected by television dance competitions and the explosion

of hip-hop. This creative journey is spearheaded and choreographed by the former star of the Alvin Ailey Dance Company Christopher Huggins, and Julliard instructor and director of the Jacob's Pillow dance festival Milton Myers.

Myers and Ailey incorporate some of their past works into the new production including Huggins' "When Dawn Comes" and Myers' "Pacing" (the first ballet he choreographed for the Philadelphia Dance Company). The old favorites combined with new works from both skilled choreographers provides a dancing feast for the eyes of each audience member.

The Philadelphia Dance Company was founded almost five decades ago by Joan Meyers Brown; the company was created out of a need to provide op-



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Philadelphians, rejoice—the orange and black will be taking over for the annual Flyers Wives Carnival. The 42-year-old tradition brings the community together on this special day and gives fans the chance to spend time with Flyers players, coaches, alumni and, of course, new Flyers mascot, Gritty.

In fact, Gritty fans will be pleased: The orange ball of fun will make appearances throughout the entire event, hang out with guests and even join in on some of the fun activities.

Carnival attractions include games, rides and a six-story-high Ferris wheel that overlooks the whole carnival celebration. Flyers players will



There are a lot of new attractions this year at the carnival. **BUSTY KENNEDY**

take part in a lot of the carnival games as well, but that's not all. Fans will have the chance to have autographs and even snap some pictures with some of the Flyer's players. Each player has a designated time slot throughout the event for their sign and snaps session, buying tickets before the carnival is recommended for the event.

Sean Couturier, Claude Giroux, Shayne Gostisbehere, Travis

Konecny, Nolan Patrick, Ivan Provorov, Wayne Simmonds and Jakub Voracek's presale tickets have already sold out, so if you haven't gotten yours yet, now is the time. Fans will also have the chance to tour the Flyers locker room from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the ultimate sneak peek into where the orange and black spend their home games will take place for only \$25. Think of it as the extreme VIP pass.

If you go:

Nov. 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Wells Fargo Center, 3601 S Broad St., Philadelphia, ticket prices vary, nhl.com

Guests can also feel like an actual Flyers player with the Shot on Goal event. Skate onto the ice and give the puck your best shot into the net for only \$25. The newest attraction this year is the Outdoor Area, full of fun inflatable games, attractions and much more.

Over the past 40-plus years, Flyers Charities (the organization behind the carnival) has raised more than \$27 million for organizations like the Center for Autism, PAWS, Snider Hockey, Simon's Heart and the Ronald McDonald House of Philadelphia. This year the Flyers Wives Carnival will support childhood cancer and leukemia research.

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Taurus Carefully examine any offer or suggestion you receive. You should be reluctant to work alongside anyone who exaggerates or causes emotional discord.



Gemini Take time to go over any last-minute decisions. Don't trust anyone else to take care of your affairs. A partner will give you the wrong impression.



Cancer A short trip, educational pursuit or social event will lead to interesting information. Do your due diligence and verify the information offered to you.



Leo Focus on personal changes that will improve your life and help you reach long-term goals. A romantic gesture will encourage a change to your current living conditions.



Virgo Keep life simple and your conversations precise. Ask for verification if someone makes a statement that sounds implausible. Stick to what and whom you know and trust.



Libra Trying to change someone else will be a waste of time. Look inward and consider what you can do to bring about positive personal changes to enhance your life and future.



Scorpio Overreaction should be a red flag that makes you stand up and take note. Whether it's you or someone else making a scene, it will be a sign that something's not right.



Sagittarius Mixing emotions with business or important decisions will lead to a dust-up that you could end up taking the blame for. Listen carefully and stick to the facts.



Capricorn A steady pace forward will help you reach your goal. Letting what other people do or say hinder you will be a lesson you won't soon forget. Keep your distance from unpredictable influences.



Aquarius Address any problems you face before it's too late. Handle matters personally to avoid misunderstanding or extra costs. Personal improvements will boost your morale. Romance is highlighted.



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The viral story of a New Jersey couple helping a homeless man was an elaborate get-rich-quick scheme concocted by the trio.



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Perhaps you've heard this one before: a couple of con men devise a scam, then turn on each other, and all end up busted. It's a tale as old as time, but in 2018, there are a few notable updates that makes the familiar, irrepressible ability of scammers to find new ways to cheat people newly disturbing in our troublingly social-media-obsessed era.

On Thursday, Burlington County prosecutors of-

ficially filed second-degree felony charges of conspiracy and theft by deception against Johnny Bobbitt, 35, the homeless former Marine, and his alleged co-conspirators, faux-Good Samaritan couple Katelyn McClure, 28, and Mark D'Amico, 39.

The three are all now alleged to have worked together to concoct a phony story and create a GoFundMe campaign to defraud some 14,000 donors of more than \$400,000 to enrich themselves. The couple turned themselves in to law enforcement on Wednesday, and Bobbitt was arrested in Kensington, still awaiting extradition on Thursday.

"The 'paying it forward' story that drove this campaign might seem too good to be true. Unfortunately, it was," Burlington County DA Scott Coffina said at a press conference Thursday. "The entire campaign was predicated on a lie."



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It all began one year ago with a heartwarming tale, that Bobbitt, a homeless veteran, gave McClure his last \$20 to help her pay for gas for the ride home after she ran out of gas while driving on I-95 into Philadelphia to pick up D'Amico, her boyfriend, at SugarHouse Casino. She claimed in the GoFundMe page's description that she had since revisited Johnny several times to repay him

with warm clothes and cereal bars, but was asking for the public's support to help him change his life.

"I wish that I could do more for this selfless man, who went out of his way just to help me that day. He is such a great guy, and talking to him each time I see him makes me want to help him more and more," McClure wrote. "Please help this man get into a home. It is already getting

so cold out in Philadelphia, and I can't imagine what it will be like to be out there all winter. Any little bit will help."

But McClure and Bobbitt were in cahoots from the jump, creating a story that would tug at the nation's heartstrings and make them open up their bank accounts.

Coffina read a text message McClure had sent a friend less than an hour after the GoFundMe page went live: "OK, so wait the gas part is completely made up, but the guys [sic] isn't. I had to make something up to make people feel bad."

Touched by the story, people around the nation forked over their hard-won earnings to donate to the online campaign, \$401,921 in total, mostly in tiny increments of \$5s, \$10s and \$20s. (GoFundMe has said it will fully refund all donors.)

The story got national

media attention. The Philadelphia Inquirer even photographed the trio in front of the gas station where Bobbitt falsely claimed he had bought the \$20 of gas for McClure.

But the truth of the situation began to come to light in August, when Bobbitt turned on the Florence Township, New Jersey, couple, claiming they were denying him access to the funds and using it for home improvements and gambling. He said he had access to less than \$75,000, and that a new trailer and SUV the couple had bought for him but kept in their names was later sold.

Coffina, asked if the alleged fraudsters might not have been caught if Bobbitt hadn't sued his alleged co-conspirators, responded Thursday: "There's a good chance they might have. It certainly appears to have been a miscalculation on his part."

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Jurors in 'El Chapo' trial told of Mexico's drug wars, corruption

Jesus Zambada told jurors about murder plots he was a part of during Thursday's testimony.

A key prosecution witness in the U.S. trial of Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman on Thursday told jurors that there were "a lot of deaths" as the accused Mexican drug lord and his associates built the Sinaloa cartel in the 1990s through bloody conflict with rival drug traffickers.

Jesus Zambada told the jury that his brother, Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada, and Guzman used armies of sicarios, or assassins, to kill their enemies. Zambada, who



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has pleaded guilty to U.S. criminal charges, was testifying for a second day in Brooklyn federal court under an agreement to cooperate with prosecutors.

Guzman is accused of directing massive shipments of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana to the United States. He faces life in prison if he is convicted of the 17 criminal counts against him.

One of Guzman's lawyers, Jeffrey Lichtman, told jurors in his opening statement that Ismael Zambada, who remains at large, actually controlled the cartel, and Guzman was a scapegoat framed with the help of corrupt Mexican officials.

Zambada on Thursday told the story of the

Sinaloa cartel's emergence in the early 1990s. He said Guzman formed an alliance with several other drug lords to take on the powerful Arellano Felix drug trafficking family.

"There are always a lot of deaths," he said of the cartel's wars.

Victims included patrons shot at a nightclub in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, where Zambada said Guzman tried, and failed, to kill one of the Arellano Felixes in 1992.

Zambada admitted he took part in several murder plots himself, though he said he never personally killed anyone.

He was wounded in a gunfight with enemy sicarios, and another one of his brothers, who had no involvement in the

drug trade, was shot at his doorstep in Cancun, he said.

Dressed in dark blue prison clothing and speaking through an interpreter, Zambada also testified that the Sinaloa cartel bought off officials at every level of government, including Mexican state governors, national attorneys general and members of the international police organization Interpol, to ensure safe passage for its products.

While in charge of cartel operations in Mexico City, Zambada said, he personally paid about \$300,000 in bribes every month. On one occasion, he said, he paid a \$100,000 bribe to a general at the explicit direction of Guzman. REUTERS

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3 Things to watch for when Eagles take on Saints

The defending Super Bowl champs are fighting for their playoff lives in this clash of NFC titans.

After losing a very winnable game against the Dallas Cowboys last Sunday, the Eagles (4-5) find themselves in another must-win situation this week. However, unlike previous games, where Philly was the favorite, they have the tough task of facing the high-powered New Orleans Saints (8-1) on Sunday (4:25 p.m. ET, FOX).

This season, the Eagles are 2-2 on the road, while the Saints have a record of 3-1 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. Surprisingly, New Orleans' only loss this season happened at home in Week 1 against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 48-40.

Since falling to the Bucs in that high-scoring affair, the Saints have ripped off eight straight wins, including a dominating 37-point victory last week on the road against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Can the Eagles defense, which is battered and bruised, slow down this Drew Brees-led offense? Or will Carson Wentz and the Eagles offense finally wake up?

To answer these questions and more, here are three things to watch out for in this Week 11 contest.

1. Secondary under fire

When the Eagles take the field on Sunday, they will be running out an inexperienced and banged-up secondary.

Heading into last week's game against Dallas, the Eagles were already without both Jalen Mills and Sidney Jones, who were nursing hamstring and foot injuries. As if things could not get worse, it was then announced on Monday that starting cornerback Ronald Darby would miss the rest of the season with a torn ACL.

With all that being said, it's a strong possibility that undrafted free agent Chandon Sullivan or Cre'von LeBlanc will see



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extended snaps against New Orleans. However, all hope is not lost for the secondary as Eagles head coach Doug Pederson is optimistic that Jones will be able to play.

If that is the case, then that is a huge addition. Jones has experience playing on the outside in college and could fill in Darby's spot, while Rasul Douglas plays on the opposite side with rookie Avonte Maddox handling the slot duties.

Obviously, this is not a dream scenario for the Eagles, but that trio gives them the best chance to keep up with the Saints' explosive wide receiver unit.

2. Wentz and the offense need to start games faster

Through the first 10 weeks of the 2018 season, the Eagles offense has not looked like the same team that put up points in bunches last season en route to a Super Bowl LII victory. Now, there are various reasons for this noticeable decline, but none larger than the lack of scoring points in the first quarter.

In fact, Philly is only averaging 2.3 first-quarter points per game, which is the worst in the NFL. This is a complete 360 from last season, where the Eagles averaged 6.4 points per game in the opening frame.

Here is something else to wrap your mind around: The Miami Dolphins, Cleveland Browns, and New York Jets have

all scored more first-quarter points (2.4) than the Eagles. This reoccurring issue reared its ugly head last Sunday as quarterback Carson Wentz threw an interception on the team's second offensive possession.

In addition to the interception, Wentz just looked erratic, missing throws to his wide receivers and not getting into a rhythm until the second half.

If the Eagles want to beat the Saints, who are averaging 6.0 first-quarter points themselves, Wentz has to lock in on other players outside of tight end Zach Ertz, and Pederson has to do a better job with play-calling. Those two factors alone will make a huge difference.

3. Slowing down Alvin Kamara and Mark Ingram

As we all know with New Orleans, they will put up a ton of points and yards in the air thanks to the arm of Brees. However, this season they have also shown the ability to run the ball successfully.

The Saints are averaging 126.8 yards per game on the ground, which is good for ninth in the NFL. The two reasons for their success fall on the shoulders of second-year running back Alvin Kamara and veteran Mark Ingram. Kamara is a dynamic playmaker, especially in the receiving game.

But this season, as a runner the former University of Tennessee Vol-

unteer has rushed for 546 yards on 123 carries and a career-high 11 touchdowns. This is a drastic improvement from last season, where Kamara only had 728 yards and eight touchdowns.

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Neither Tampa nor New York are trending well coming into this matchup; the Bucs have dropped six of their last seven while the Giants are 0-4 at home this season. But "Big Blue" exits a win over the 49ers in which they showed signs of improvement off a bye. Their highly-scrutinized offensive line allowed just one sack, enabling Eli Manning to toss a season-high three TDs and no INTs.

In many ways, Tampa Bay is an inferior version of San Francisco. Their league-worst defense by points per game allowed doesn't bring down the quarterback as often and the Ryan Fitzpatrick-led offense is downright callous with the football.

The Bucs have already committed 25 turnovers this year, the worst mark in the NFL. That's led to a dreadful minus-19 turnover ratio. They also just canned kicker Chandler Catanzaro after he missed two field goals in a 16-3 home loss to Washington. Cairo Santos, 5-for-6 on field goals as well as extra points for the Rams earlier this year, steps in.

Saquon Barkley and Odell Beckham Jr. should make their impression felt as the Giants dispatch a beleaguered Bucs team.

Prediction: Giants win, 27-21

The play: Giants -1

EAGLES AT SAINTS (-9)

Moneyline: Eagles +330, Saints -400

Betting total: 54.5 points

The Saints are running like a well-oiled machine, winning and covering in seven straight games. Drew Brees and company should make it eight in a row against the Eagles in the Superdome this Sunday.

Philly is 2-6 in their last eight against the spread and just lost top cornerback Ronald Darby to a torn ACL. He was the last man standing on a devastated secondary that's 23rd in passing yards allowed per game. Brees, with Michael Thomas and new target Brandon Marshall, should pick apart the Eagles through the air in this one.

The Eagles' ground game has been inhibited by injuries this year, and it seems unlikely that they'll be able to get anything going against New Orleans' top-rated run stoppers. Carson Wentz should be able to attack the Saints' vulnerable secondary (31st in passing yards per game allowed), but Golden Tate's lack of involvement in his first game in Philly (four targets) does not inspire confidence.

This is a large number, but New Orleans' high-octane offense looks impossible to stop at the moment.

Prediction: Saints win, 37-24

The play: Saints -9

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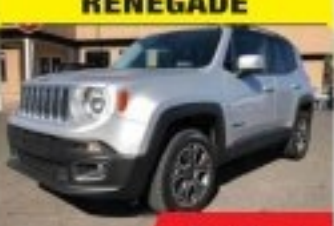
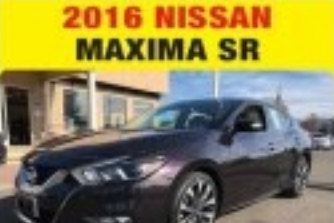
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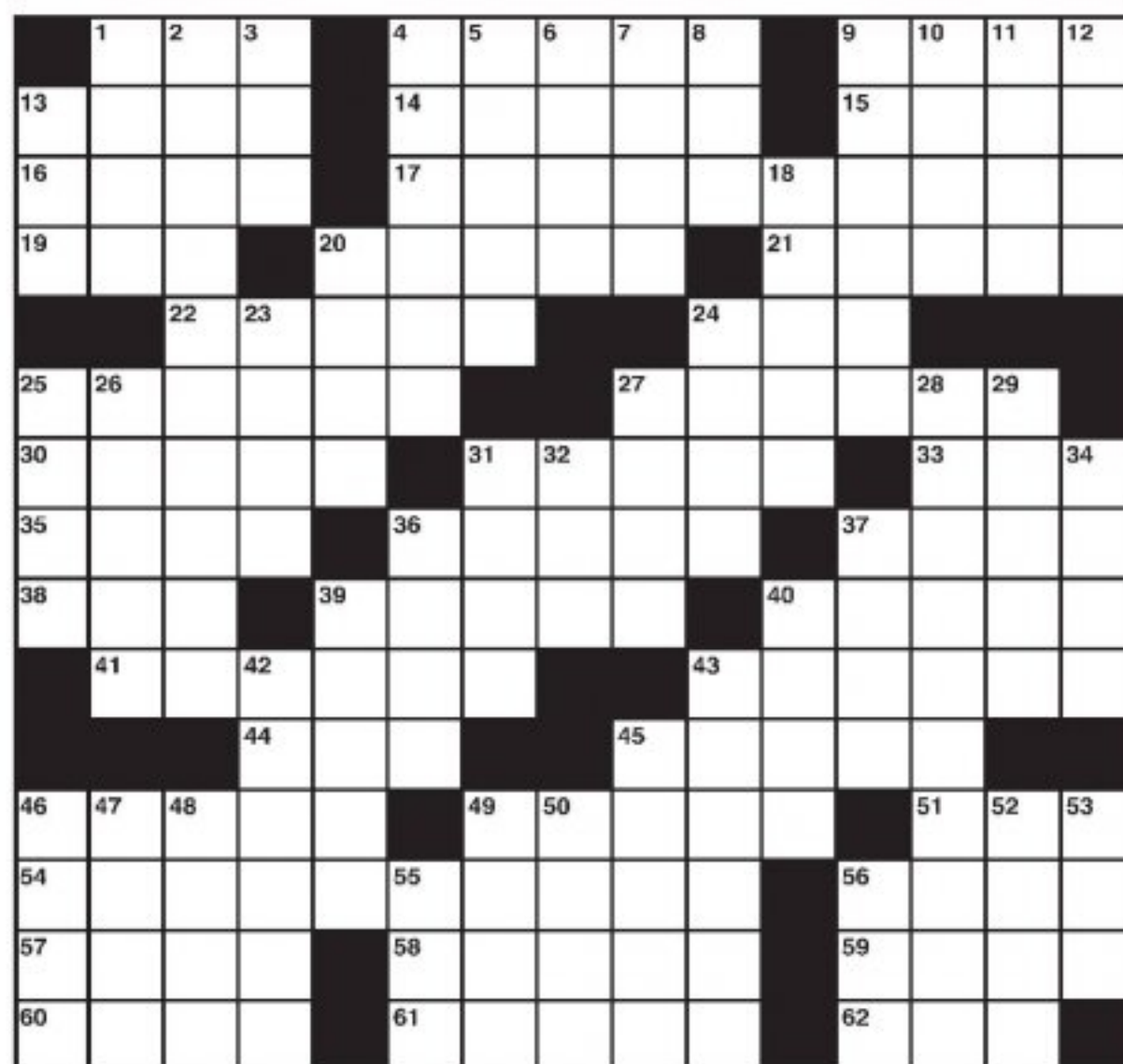
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14 No longer fresh
15 Reveal
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17 "...and lead us not into ..."
19 Lively dance
20 ___ about; praises highly
21 Pennies
22 Furious
24 Feasted on
25 Supernatural
27 Not required to serve
30 Royal decree
31 Was indisposed
33 Curved bone
35 Walkway
36 Soft-furred weasel cousins
37 Long sandwich
38 ___ Beta Kappa
39 Leaves the car
40 Adds booze to the punch

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43 Coleslaws
44 Hurry
45 Blanket
46 Person
49 Money, slangily
51 Debtor's note
54 Punctuation mark
56 Dinner course
57 Young animal
58 Perfect
59 Shacks
60 Patella's place
61 Late comedian Jack
62 Suffix for murder or count

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2 Gum problem
3 Fem. title
4 Grand home
5 Martin or Allen
6 Identical
7 European range
8 However
9 Respect highly
10 Part of the face
11 Hilarious person
12 ___ up; confesses
13 JFK's successor

- 18 Played a role
20 Angry speech
23 Well-to-do
24 Paul Bunyan's tools
25 Actor Johnny
26 Potato exporter
27 Antlered animals
28 Risky; uncertain
29 Spent
31 Haughtiness
32 Pen contents
34 Supervisor
36 Female animal
37 Vigorous
39 "___ Your Wagon"; Broadway musical
40 Vesuvius' output
42 Pure
43 Exclusively
45 Composer George M. ___
46 Break into another's PC
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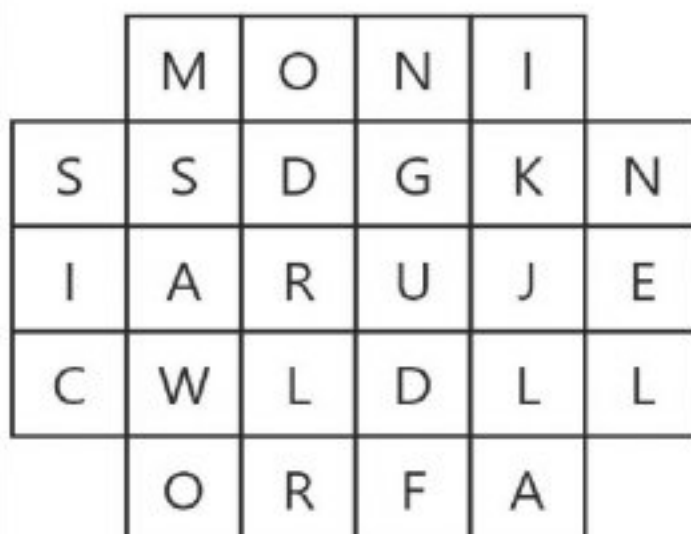
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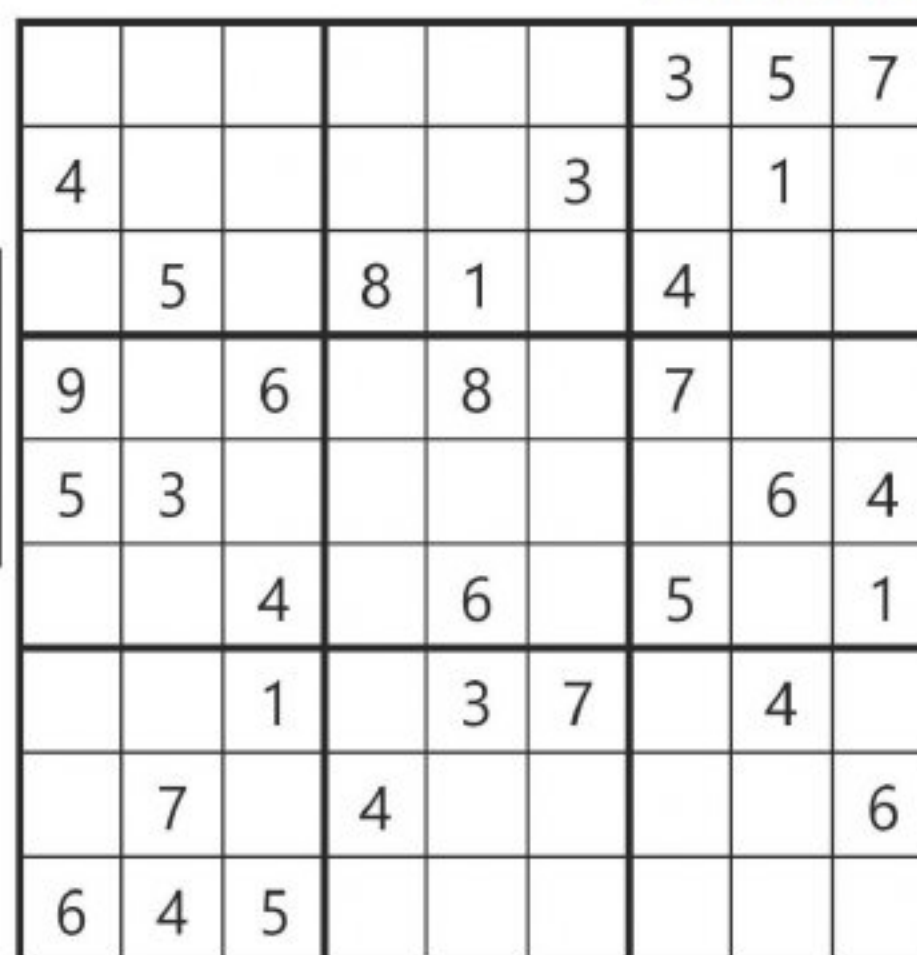
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